3.	Mrs. Anusua Basu, Dy. CAG (Retd.)	—	Member
4.	Shri Ravi Mathur, Joint Secretary (Technical), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development	—	Member Secretary

(c) The Terms of Reference for the Review Committee are as follows:

(i) To review the present status of IIMs in fulfillment of their objective as centres of excellence in management education and research.

(ii) To review the existing courses being offered in IIMs in the right of their relevance and national priorities.

(iii) To review their organizational and administrative structure and to suggest suitable changes therein with a view to serve better the country's economic and social development needs.

(iv) To review expansion plans of the IIMs during the next decade, and particularly during the XIth Plan, with a view to optimal utilization of the existing capacities.

(v) To review the position of the corpus fund in each Institute and to suggest broad guidelines for better utilization of this fund.

(vi) To review the per student cost on various courses being offered by the institutes and to suggest guidelines for proportionate recovery of this cost from student fees, government grants, interest income corpus etc.

(vii) To review and suggest measures for easy availability of educational loans to students.

(viii) To review availability of scholarships, freeships and other forms of financial assistance to the students.

(ix) To review the incentive schemes prevailing in various IIMs for faculty and non-faculty staff and to suggest suitable modifications therein.

(x) To give recommendations on the issue of powers and functions of Chairman, Board of Governors of IIMs.

(xi) To report on any other aspects that are relevant to overall effective and efficient functioning of these institutes.

(d) The Committee has been asked to submit its report within six months from the date of issue of the Gazette Notification to this effect.

(e) The Government is committed to ensure that all IIMs retain their autonomy and maintain their status as institutions of excellence.

Recognition of universities and colleges in Punjab

641. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of universities and colleges in Punjab whose requests and proposals for recognition and financial assistance are at present pending with the University Grants Commission;

(b) the details of each case, indicating the date on which the same was received by the UGC; and

(c) by when each case is likely to be disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of colleges in low enrolment districts

642. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to set up colleges in 370 districts of the country where enrolment has been low;

(b) the criteria fixed to categorize these districts as having low enrolment;

(c) whether the quality of education would also figure as one of the factors to qualify for the special scheme;

(d) whether special courses would also be taught in such colleges, to make them especially attractive; and

(e) the details of proposals made to build colleges of the highest academic standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) Subject to finalization of the XIth Plan, it is proposed to encourage State Governments to establish colleges of excellence in districts with lower than the national average of Gross Enrolment Ratio and low density of colleges per lakh of population by providing 1/3rd of the estimated capital cost, so as to increase access to higher education of quality and relevance.

Selection of Directors of IIM, Ahmedabad

643. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has pre-selected people for post of Director of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad;

(b) the reasons for bringing in a new system of selecting Director;

(c) the steps taken to ensure autonomy for IIMs;

(d) the measures prepared to restore harmony between Government and IIMs; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve and expand IIMs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Directors of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on the basis of recommendation of a Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted for this purpose. In accordance with this procedure, Prof. Samir Kumar Barua has been appointed to the post of Director, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad w.e.f. 08.11.2007.